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## WikiLeaks reveals US blunders at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The United States has botched the handling of inmates at Guantanamo, holding men for years without reliable evidence while releasing others who posed a grave threat, according to leaked secret documents.

The trove of classified files released by the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks showed US officials struggling with often flawed evidence and confused about the guilt or innocence of detainees held at the prison at the US naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Hundreds of inmates who turned out to have no serious terror links were held without trial, based on vague or inaccurate information, including accounts from unreliable fellow detainees or statements from men who had been abused or tortured, the New York Times quoted the documents as saying.

One impoverished Afghan farmer with no ties to militants was held for two years without trial in a case of mistaken identity, the documents showed.

But US authorities in 2004 decided to release Abdullah Mehsud, a Taliban extremist who duped his interrogators into believing he had been conscripted by the insurgents

as a driver.

"Detainee does not pose a future threat to the US or US interests," said a 2003 document, quoted by the Times.

Mehsud, who gave a false name to his American interrogators, was sent back to Afghanistan where he organized a Taliban unit to assault US troops, planned an attack on Pakistan's interior ministry that claimed 31 lives, oversaw the kidnapping of two Chinese engineers and set off a suicide bomb in 2007 in Pakistan -- winning praise from Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden.

President Barack Obama's administration, which has tried to close the controversial Guantanamo prison, denounced the "unfortunate" release of the classified documents, part of a massive cache of secret memos passed to WikiLeaks last year.

The government said in a statement the Obama and Bush administrations had "made every effort to act with the utmost care and diligence in transferring detainees from Guantanamo."

Human rights groups, who have portrayed Guantanamo prison as a legal black hole, said the documents showed the need for courts to review the evidence against each detainee.

## Easter celebrations are elegantly delicious at Carambola



John and Deb Faulise toast the best buffet, bar none

The charming Carambola Restaurant, which took over the venue in Paradise Beach Villas a few months ago, earned kudos for their first Easter Brunch this past Sunday, an elegant, gourmet feast devised by Chef Harold Castro.

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and Salad Bar, brimming with peel and eat shrimp, scallop ceviche, Tuna Tataki with Seaweed Salad, and a marvelous selection of hot dishes including chicken canoli.

"This is the best holiday brunch I have had in Aruba, bar none," claimed Paradise Beach owner Deb Faulise, with her husband John, who cleaned his plate a number of

times, seconding the vote, "and we have been coming to Aruba for 25 years." The Connecticut couple claimed the delectable scents wafting from the Carambola kitchen drew them to the restaurant for their holiday indulgence, and they felt very fortunate to be able to get a table, as it proved a popular choice for many.

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## Haiti delays fraud-marred legislative vote results



**President-elect of Haiti  
Michel Martelly**

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) — Haitian officials delayed Monday the publication of a clutch of fraud-tainted results from run-off legislative elections just hours before the announced winners were due to take office.

The Provisional Electoral Council said in a statement that it was delaying the certifica-

tion of 19 legislative results of the March 20 polls "out of concern for transparency and in the higher interest of the nation."

The United Nations and major donor nations for quake-hit Haiti, including the United States, had voiced concern over fraud after a number of races were overturned, almost all in favor of President Rene Preval's ruling Unity party.

President-elect Michel Martelly, who won the simultaneous presidential run-off with a resounding 67.5 percent of the vote, called for an independent probe and urged the international community not to recognize the results.

The supposedly definitive legislative results last week-end showed Unity expand its presence in the Chamber of Deputies, taking 46 of the 99 positions, and gain an absolute majority in the upper Senate with 17 of the 30 seats.

The legislative results were greeted by outbreaks of violence in parts of Haiti that left at least one person dead.

Martelly's fledgling Reypsons Peysan party won only three parliamentary seats, and to enact the reforms Haiti needs he will have to forge deals with Unity.

The 50-year-old former singer and carnival entertainer, has urged opponents to work with him to rebuild the quake-hit Caribbean nation.

He is yet to make an official announcement but observers believe he may ask Unity's Jean-Max Bellerive -- a respected figure well-known to the international community -- to stay on as prime minister and form a government.

Already the poorest country in the Americas, Haiti was crippled by a January 2010 earthquake. The pace of reconstruction in the last 15 months under Preval has been slow.

Martelly, who takes office May 14, has vowed his first six months will focus on moving hundreds of thousands of quake survivors out of squalid tent cities, tackling a resistant cholera epidemic and boosting agricultural production.

## Colombia launches major emergency ops after floods

BOGOTA, Colombia (AFP) — Some 160,000 Colombian police officers and 52 aircraft are participating in emergency operations following deadly floods that killed 67 people and caused widespread damage, officials said Monday.

The police are focusing on rescue, evacuation, food distribution, security at shelters, manning state roads and other emergencies, according to a statement from the police directorate.

The aircraft, which include helicopters, are ready to "respond immediately to any contingency, to the extent that weather conditions permit the movement of equipment," it added.

Government aircraft have completed 102 hours of flight so far this year during which they have transported 223 people affected by floods and overflowing rivers.

Heavy rains that battered

Colombia this month have so far left 67 dead, 36 wounded and eight missing, while another 98,000 were injured and 183 homes were destroyed.

That brings the total this year to 90 dead, 15 missing and 208,581 people affected by the disaster, according to the Interior and Justice Ministry.

The heavy rains, triggered by the La Nina weather phenomenon, have caused damage in 28 of the country's 32 departments, and have blocked 16 major roads due to landslides. Some have collapsed entirely.

More than 900,000 hectares (2.22 million acres) of land have been ravaged by rising rivers that overflowed, according to government figures. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos's government has provided victims \$176 million in aid.

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**SLAVUTICH, Ukraine** : A man sets a candle to the Chernobyl victims' monument in Slavutich, some 50 kilometres (30 miles) away from the accident's site, and where many of the power station's personnel used to live, during a memorial ceremony on the night on April 25-26, 2011. The world today marks a quarter century since the world's worst nuclear disaster at Chernobyl in Ukraine.  
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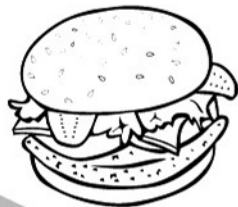
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With these additions to the program the Pancake Gallery Foundation has also decided to extend the age group for Art Rules Aruba from 13-21 to 13-25.

With the rapid popularity and growth of Art Rules Aruba the Pancake Gallery is also putting more focus on the educational side of the workshops, stating that "this year we want to put emphasis on offering a broader curriculum for each discipline that also offers more theory and goes into depth with each workshop". Classes will also again be offered in both San Nicolaas and Oranjestad, encouraging young-ones from all over the island to participate.

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For more information visit [www.artrulesaruba.com](http://www.artrulesaruba.com) or contact The Pancake Gallery at [info@pancakegallery.com](mailto:info@pancakegallery.com)

## Chilean poet Gonzalo Rojas dead at 93: family

SANTIAGO, Chile (AFP) - Chilean poet Gonzalo Rojas, who was forced into exile after the 1973 military coup, died Monday after suffering a debilitating stroke two months ago, one of his sons said. He was 93. The poet, considered one of the greatest Latin American writers, won numerous literary awards in his time, including the 2003 Cervantes Prize -- the top literary award for Spanish-language literature -- the Chilean National Prize for Literature, the Queen Sofia Prize of Iberian American Poetry (awarded by the King of Spain), Mexico's Octavio Paz prize and the Jose

Hernandez Prize of Argentina.

The son of a coal miner, Rojas was born in 1917 in the port of Lebu, 600 kilometers (370 miles) south of Santiago.

In September 1973 Rojas was in Havana, about to take over the job as Chile's ambassador, when general Augusto Pinochet launched a coup that toppled leftist president Salvador Allende.

Rojas went into exile in Germany, and then moved to Venezuela, where he, his second wife and youngest son obtained citizenship. The family moved back to Chile in 1979.

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## Cas Animal cont'd

# Divi Phoenix earns kudos for humane treatment of strays



Kiki and Room Manager Pedro Vargas appreciate the efforts of THE MORNING NEWS

We continue our series on Cas Animal, the foundation with a single volunteer, Kiki Arndt, who has made it her life's work to rescue the stray and abused dogs and cats of Aruba. Kiki has taken in 71 dogs and 11 puppies at her home, seeing to their medical care and feeding, always with the fervent hope that someone will adopt one of

those she has saved from nearly certain death or terrible sickness and injury.

Kiki is the lady a number of the resorts turn to when stray animals, particularly cats, make a home on their premises. It isn't always an issue; many of the guests enjoy the presence of the friendly ani-

mals, though at times they can be a bit aggressive about begging for food, especially one such cat that jumped on a patrons table at the Sunset Beach Bistro in the Divi Phoenix Resort. Unfortunately, having one female cat make a home on their grounds usually means a litter of kittens soon follows, so it is a situation that demands attention. Then Kiki is called in to help them handle it in the most humane way possible.

We caught Kiki at the Divi Phoenix with Rooms Manager Pedro Garcia, and she had only praise for the resort and their policy towards stray animals. The rather over-friendly cat was caught, neutered and vaccinated, all paid for by Divi Resorts. It was adopted by a Sunset Beach Bistro employee and is doing fine in its happy new home.

Kiki is in the process of catching 2 kittens and 4 cats which have also taken up residence at the Divi Phoenix, and

the resort is footing the bill for the neutering and shots of each of them. Divi employees are encouraged to adopt the neutered animals and give them a good home. Pedro reports they wish to recruit all the employees at all the Divi properties on Aruba into the program; this will provide a pool of potential owners numbering nearly 1,000. Guests and timeshare owners are welcome and encouraged to participate, and Kiki will assist in every way possible to help them get the animal certified and ready for travel. She states in can be done within 4 hours, for those that realize at the last minute they cannot bear to leave behind some adorable dog or cat that has stolen their heart during their vacation on Aruba.

Since coming to live on Aruba 14 years ago, Kiki has been retrieving dogs and cats off the streets and nursing them back to health, while psy-

chologically rehabilitating them to their naturally affectionate and devoted dispositions. They are living proof that a little kindness goes a long way. If you wish to assist her with the newest members of the household call 565-2130 or 742-8732. Donations are also appreciated as it costs an astronomical amount of money to feed and provide veterinary care. Kiki maintains a free Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office when their owners are unable to do so. She is also struggling for some time now to raise the funds to build a proper facility to house up to 200 dogs and the dozens of cats maintained at a friend's home on land she has been awarded by the government, she is about half way to her goal. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal.

by Rosalie Klein



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## 'Rio' makes nest atop the US box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) – Audiences swarmed theaters for tropical bird comedy "Rio," which nestled into its perch at the top of the box office for a second week, industry data showed Sunday.

The 3-D cartoon about pet macaw Blu voiced by "Social Network" star Jesse Eisenberg, which bolts from chilly climes to the beaches of Rio de Janeiro, made \$26.8 million in the Friday-to-Sunday period, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

After last week scoring the best debut weekend of the year, the film has made just over \$81 million since its opening.

In second spot was the latest comedic offering from Tyler Perry, with the critically-panned "Madea's Big Happy Family" that made \$25.7 million in its opening weekend.

In third place, starring British heart-throb Robert Pattinson and Oscar-winning actress Reese Witherspoon, was the Depression-era romance "Water for Elephants," taking in \$17.5 million also on its debut.

Easter romp "Hop," the real-action-animation hybrid about the wayward son of the Easter Bunny and which had spent two weeks at the top, earned another \$12.4 million on the Easter weekend for a domestic total of just over \$100 million.

"Scream 4," the latest in director Wes Craven's irony-drenched horror-comedy franchise, slipped three spots to fifth in its second week with \$7.1 million.

In sixth, also on its debut, was Disney nature flick "African Cats," narrated by Samuel L. Jackson, which documents the lives of a number of big cats on the African savanna, making \$6.4 million in box office receipts.

The weekend estimates showed "Soul Surfer," in the seventh spot with \$5.9 million, telling the true story of church-going teen surfer AnnaSophia Robb who returns to the ocean after losing an arm in a shark attack.

Horror flick "Insidious," in which a family finds itself living in a haunted house, picked up \$5.3 million for the eighth spot, while "Hanna," a thriller about a teenage assassin raised in the wilds of North Finland, earned \$5.2 million for the ninth spot.

Rounding out the top ten was Jake Gyllenhaal's acclaimed sci-fi thriller "Source Code," about a government experiment to find the bomber of a commuter train, which took \$5.06 million.

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## Fasting Mexican gets her wish to see royal wedding



MEXICO CITY (AFP) – A 19-year-old Mexican woman who fasted for 16 days in a bid for an invitation to the royal wedding of Prince William has finally been granted her wish.

Estibalis Chavez will be flown to London for the April 29 nuptials thanks to an anonymous benefactor, according to the Mexico daily, Milenio.

Chavez camped out in front of the British Embassy in Mexico City in February, refusing to eat, although officials at the embassy had told her she was fasting in vain.

Chavez lost 17 pounds (eight kilos) during her fast, and painted a portrait of Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton, which the embassy also refused to deliver.

"I've been a fan of Lady Di since I was little and my mother's a fan as well," said Chavez. "And I promised myself I would go to a royal wedding," she told AFP during her fast.

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## Sci-Tech

### Studies link low IQ to prenatal pesticide exposure



WASHINGTON (AFP) — High levels of pesticide exposure in pregnant women have been linked to lower IQs in their children, according to three separate US studies.

Two studies were done in New York City and a third was in Salinas, a farming area of northern California. All spanned nearly a decade, tracking levels of pesticide in expectant mothers and testing nearly 1,000 children up to age nine.

Researchers looked at exposure to a family of pesticides known as organophosphates, which are commonly used on fruit and vegetable crops. The reports are published in the journal Environmental Health Per-

spectives.

In the California study involving 392 kids, "researchers found that every tenfold increase in measures of organophosphates detected during a mother's pregnancy corresponded to a 5.5 drop in overall IQ in the seven-year-olds."

The differences held even after researchers accounted for factors such as education, family income, and exposure to other environmental contaminants, the study said.

Researchers at Mount Sinai, New York measured 400 women and their children from 1998 onward.

They found that "exposure to organophosphates negatively impacted perceptual reasoning, a measure of non-verbal problem-solving skills" between the ages of six and nine.

They also found that about one-third of the mothers studied carried a gene variant that made them less able to metabolize the pesticides, and that the negative effects in children were limited to this

subgroup.

The third study, done by researchers at New York's Columbia University, looked specifically at one pesticide, chlorpyrifos, which was widely used to kill cockroaches and termites until it was banned from residential use in 2001.

In the sample of 265 minority children born before the ban took effect, higher prenatal exposure was linked to lower intelligence scores and poorer memory.

Children in the top 25 percent of exposure levels scored 5.5 percent lower in working memory tests and 2.7 points lower in IQ.

"These observed deficits in cognitive functioning at seven years of age could have implications for school performance," said lead author Virginia Rauh of the Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health.

"Working memory problems may interfere with reading comprehension, learning and academic achievement, even if general intelligence remains in the normal range."

### Nintendo announces new console but profit dives



TOKYO (AFP) — Nintendo said on Monday it would release a new console next year to succeed its popular Wii, as it reported earnings slumped due to the strong yen and its 3D handheld player came too late to give a lift.

The video game giant said the new machine would be showcased at E3 Expo in Los Angeles in June. The move comes as Nintendo has struggled to reverse its sliding fortunes in an increasingly crowded market.

Nintendo said Monday that group net profit for the year to March fell 66.1 percent to 77.6 billion yen (\$942

million), while operating profit slumped 52.0 percent to 171.1 billion yen. Sales eased 29.3 percent to 1.01 trillion yen.

However, the firm did say it expected sales to surge more than 40 percent over the coming 12 months.

The company said it suffered a serious setback as sales of both hardware and software fell in the United States, Europe and Japan.

Nintendo's release in late February of the DS3, the world's first video game console with a 3-D screen that works without special glasses, came too late to lift the results.

The company, which for many gamers is synonymous with its "Super Mario Bros" series, is facing a raft of challenges to its one-time domination of the market.



## Health & Living

### Discovery could aid tuberculosis treatment: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Scientists have isolated the enzyme that allows tuberculosis to destroy lung tissue, a discovery that could speed the search for treatments, said a US-British study.

Tuberculosis is a highly contagious and often fatal disease that kills two million people worldwide each year. Even though the disease has been around for thousands of years, scientists are only now learning how it works.

The enzyme that drives the destruction of lung tissue is called MMP-1, and enzyme-inhibitors are already available which could be used to treat it, said the study in the Journal of Clinical Investigation.

"Standard TB treatment has remained unchanged for 35 years, and no current treatments prevent the lung destruction that TB causes," said study co-author Paul Elkington from Imperial College London. "These findings suggest that drugs available now might be able to reduce deaths from TB."

Tuberculosis is caused by a bacterium, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, which gets into the lungs and causes coughing. That spreads the bacteria in the air where it can infiltrate other people's lungs.

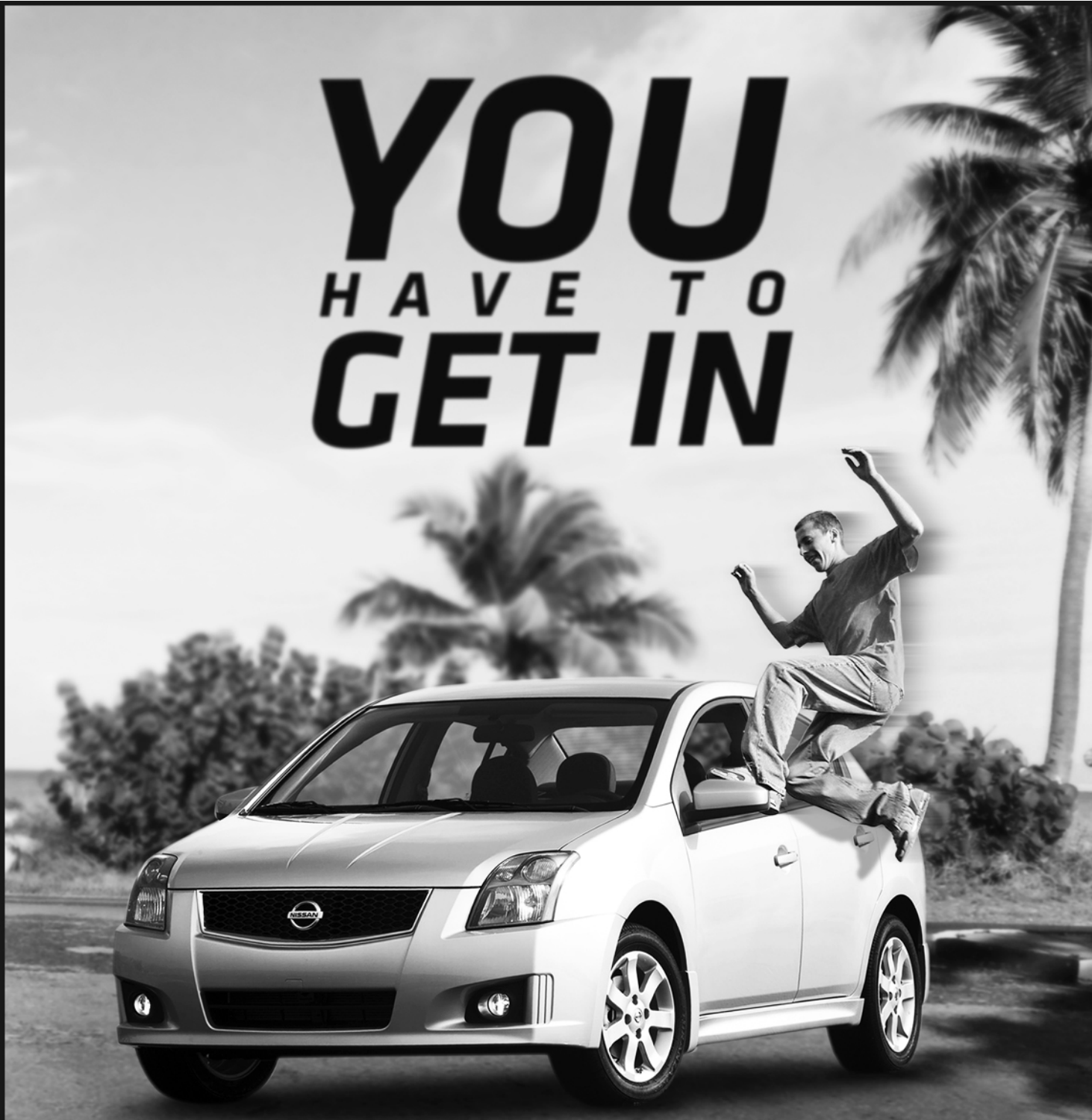
But another avenue has shown promise, according to the study.

Researchers treated human cells infected with TB -- which were associated with a boost in the enzyme MMP-1 in the lungs -- in the lab with an MMP inhibitor that has been proven safe for humans in clinical trials to treat arthritis.

"We demonstrate that Ro32-3555, a compound that has been used in phase III clinical trials for arthritis, can suppress M. tuberculosis-driven MMP-1 activity," said the study. "Therefore we believe it represents a novel therapeutic target to limit immunopathology."

Drugs that act by inhibiting MMP enzymes were widely developed in the 1990s as some showed early promise against cancer.


The researchers said more studies are needed to demonstrate whether MMP inhibitors can prevent lung damage from TB on a larger scale.



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dangerous fainting:

\*Fainting and falling from a height, particularly if there is bleeding or other injury.

\*Not regaining alertness within a few minutes.

\*Fainting when someone is pregnant or has diabetes, or is older than age 50.

\*Fainting accompanied by pain or pressure in the chest.

\*Fainting accompanied by changes in heartbeat or signs of stroke, including changes in speech, vision and the ability to move both sides of the body.

\*Fainting that causes convulsions, an injury to the tongue or the inability to control the bowels or bladder.



## "Divi Resorts presents its Scavenger/Egg Hunt"



Last Friday April 15th the Human Resources Department of the chain of Hotels of the Divi Resorts together with Axel Figaroa organized a great Scavenger/Egg Hunt for the Hotel's employees.

The event counted on a total of 12 participating teams which were: The Pure Hunters from the Phoenix Hotel, The Ghost Busters from the Divi Village Hotel, Links Bunnies from the The Links at Divi, Bee Honeys from the Divi Aruba Sales

Consultants, HR/IT Team, The Smarties from the Divi & Tamarijn Beach Resorts, Divi IMPACT, Egg Hunters from The Links at Divi, Eggies Lovers from the Tamarijn Aruba Beach Resort, The Pink Panthers from the Phoenix Sales, The White Hoppers from the Divi Village Hotel and finally The Front Desk White Stars from Divi Village Hotel.

The Scavenger/Egg Hunt started and finished at the Oranjestad Post Office.

Along the route there were different questions that the participants had to answer and also 3 different checkpoints where they had to complete tasks that they had to complete as a team. There were also some hidden eggs at these checkpoints where the teams could accumulate additional points for their teams.

Upon the arrival of all the teams back at the Post Office they had to complete the "coconut" task in order to accumulate a great deal of extra points.

To finalize the event all the participants went on to do the individual egg hunt where there were many different prizes hidden in the eggs which varied from lunch, dinner, Pro Shop gifts and many more. There was also a golden egg which contained a fabulous Weekend Stay at the Divi Village which was won by Rosa Maxwell from the Phoenix Hotel.

Axel Figaroa together with his team finalized the count and presented the results as follows:

In the 12th place: Front Desk White Stars with 67 points, in 11th place: Pure Hunters with 79.5 points, in 10th place: The White Hoppers with 81.5 points, in 9th place: Links Bunnies with 84 points, in 8th place: Eggies Lovers with 86.5 points, in 7th place: Egg Hunters with 92.5 points, in 6th place: HR/IT Team with 94 points, in 5th place: Bee Honeys with 95 points, in 4th place: Divi IMPACT with 95.5 points, in 3rd place: The Pink Panthers with 104 points, in 2nd place: Ghost Busters with 104.5 points and as the absolute winner, the 1st place: The Smarties with 108 points.

The winners received a beautiful trophy from Universal Trophies and Full Day passes at the Palm Island.

Congratulations to the winning team and also to all the participants who won the different prizes.

The Human Resources Department would like to thank all their employees who participated in this event and hopes that they had a great time. A special thanks also goes to Axel Figaroa and his team for arranging the whole Scavenger/Egg Hunt.

The Divi Resorts Human Resources Department would like to wish all their employees and also the whole community of Aruba a Happy Easter Weekend.

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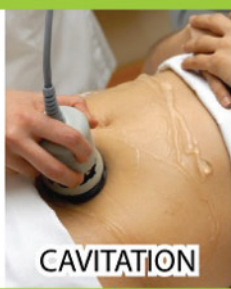




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winners got umbrellas for a rainy day

SETAR NV, Aruba's national telecommunications company, again provided an Easter Sunday full of fun, excitement and excellent rewards. Their annual Easter Egg Hunt involves the entire island, with SETAR bunnies secreting plastic eggs containing valuable rewards from one end of Aruba to the other.

Hourly, a hint was broadcast over radio station Canal 90, FM, and various locations were soon overrun with those who sought to find one of the 500 eggs containing all manner of prizes. Persistent winners soon made their way to the redemption center in the Renaissance Market Place, where fun activities were conducted throughout the day.

Cell phones, iPads and a diversity of useful SETAR logo gear was awarded in prizes, plus grand prizes of plane tickets to Miami, Panama and Bonaire, which were awarded during the last legs of the hunt to those fortunate ones who uncovered the coveted "golden eggs." One of the handiest prizes proved to be logo umbrellas, as egg hunters dealt with frequent showers on and off.

Renaissance Market Place was converted into a playground for all ages, with tons of fun stuff for kids and adults, including free popcorn, cotton candy and organized activities, while the tension built to the grand finale and the announcement of the big winners. Thankfully, all was dry for the performance by popular local bands Youth Extreme, Impak and Rincon Boyz, which brought an exciting day and another successful SETAR Easter Egg Hunt to a close.

by Rosalie Klein

## The price is right for personal loans with RBTT Bank and Plinko!



### Edna Farro explains 4 raffle winners will pay zero percent

RBTT Bank Aruba has announced a special "Plinko Night" will take place on Friday, May 6, as part of their campaign to make personal loans very attractive to their established and potential clients.

The festive evening at their Italiastraat Headquarters on the outskirts of Oranjestad will be from 5:00 to 10:00 PM, and parents apply for financing to fix the home, purchase a used car or major appliances, or other particular needs that do not fall under auto or mortgage loans. All through the night there will be plenty of fun activities and musical entertainment to keep all ages occupied while consulting with the RBTT loan staff.

RBTT Bank President Edna Farro explained the "Plinko Night" along with Assistant Marketing Manager Rose-Ann Ruiz, where loan applicants will find exceptionally reduced interest rates. Prior to May 6, applications will also be accepted at all RBTT Branches

for a "pre-approved" personal loan, with a reduced rate from the normal 18% to only 15%. During the "Plinko Night" event, loan applicants will have the additional chance to further reduce their interest rate by playing the famous "Price is Right" Plinko game. There is a 75% chance for players to reduce their annual rate by an additional .25%, at the very least, with a 12% chance of reducing it to as little as 14% or 13%.

All those whose loans have been approved will get a raffle ticket; at the end of the evening 4 winners will be drawn whose interest on their loan will then be reduced to 0%! Loans can be for up to 35,000 Aruban florins, (\$20,000 U.S.) and a max term of 5 years.

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by Rosalie Klein



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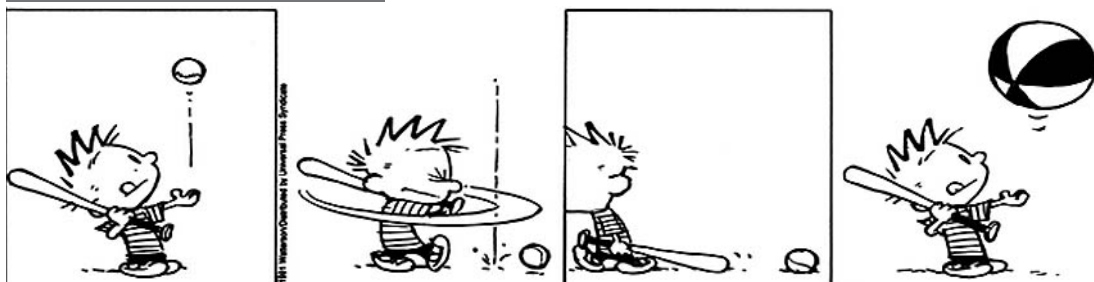
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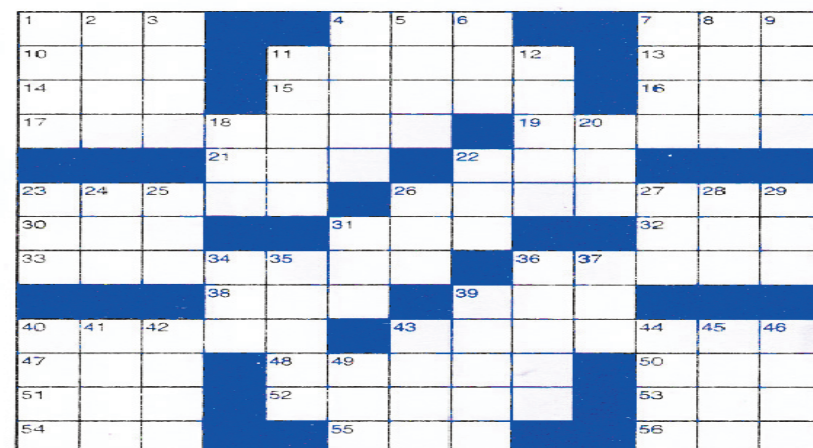
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30. Pretty \_\_\_ picture (2 wds.)
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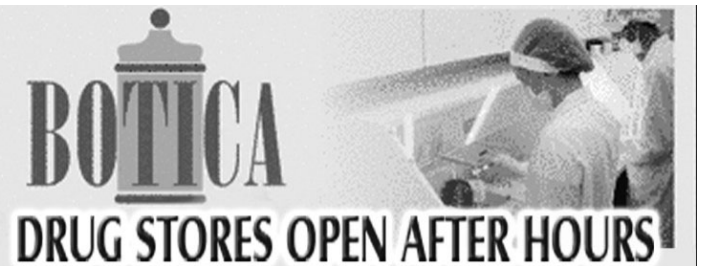
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9. Soap's spot
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18. Half a fly
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22. Clock's three
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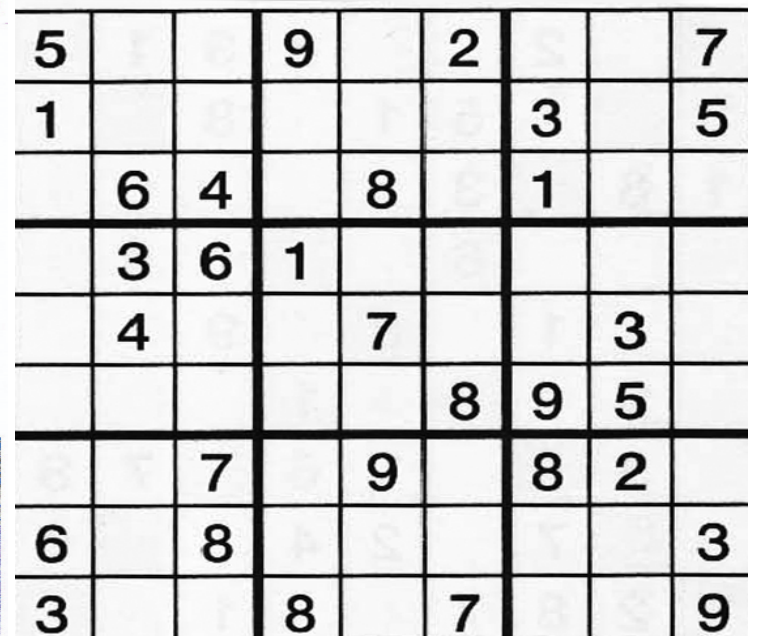
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## Finance

### Iraq plans new oil and gas field auction in January 2012

BAGHDAD (AFP) – Iraq will auction 12 oil and gas exploration blocs to foreign firms in January 2012, the fourth opening of its energy sector since Saddam Hussein's fall, Oil Minister Abdelkarim al-Luaybi said.

His announcement came as the oil ministry announced record revenues from crude exports as the country seeks to ramp up production to help rebuild its war-shattered economy.

"The auction will take place in the first month of 2012," Luaybi told reporters in Baghdad. The bidding will be "for 12 exploration blocs, seven for gas and five for oil."

The auction is the fourth round of bidding for foreign companies, following similar sales in July and December 2009, as well as last October. Iraq's energy sector was closed off before the 2003 US-led invasion which toppled Saddam.

"The auction continues the work of the ministry and the three previous auctions, and the aim is to increase (proven) oil and gas reserves" through new finds, Luaybi said.

He said the blocs on offer were in the provinces of Babil, Basra, Dhi Qar, Muthanna, Najaf, Diwaniyah and Wasit in the south, Diyala and Nineveh in the north, and Anbar in the west.

Iraq has so far signed 11 oil contracts with international energy companies following

the two auctions in 2009. Last year, it also awarded three gas fields for exploitation, vying to become an international player in the gas market.

Current oil production is around 2.5 million barrels per day (bpd), of which about 80 percent is exported.

Gas production -- all associated discharge from oil wells -- is 1.5 million cubic metres (53 million cubic feet) a day, but half is burned off in flares from oil wells, experts say.

The oil ministry announced on Monday that oil exports in March had generated \$7.1 billion, the highest level of income from a month of crude sales since the 2003 US-led invasion that toppled Saddam.

Iraq exported 66.9 million barrels of oil last month at average oil prices of \$107.13, the ministry said in figures published. Oil sales account for some 90 percent of revenues, with the government trying to upgrade outdated infrastructure and spur economic growth after being crippled by decades of conflict and sanctions.

As part of its plan to ramp up output, Baghdad is also trying to build up infrastructure for exports.

However, analysts and the International Monetary Fund have expressed doubts over Iraq's aims of building up production to more than 10 million bpd in the coming years.

## Chilean scallop farms devastated by tsunami

TONGOY, Chile (AFP) – Thousands of miles from the shores of Japan across the Pacific Ocean, Chilean shellfish farmers are facing an uncertain future after a giant wave traveled the seas and washed away their scallop beds.

"I don't think I can carry on. Too much has been lost. I had all the scallops I could wish for, and now, look," said fisherman Patricio, shaking his head in despair.

Tongoy, some 450 kilometers (290 miles) north of the capital Santiago, stands on part of the scenic Chilean coast which was put on alert on March 11 earthquake in Japan triggered a massive tsunami.

In Chile, the alert was lifted after just 24 hours.

But despite its 17,000-kilometer (10,500-mile) journey from Japan, the strength of the wave remained very real here, packing enough force to toss

aside blocks of concrete weighing nearly a tonne.

It was under these blocks that the Tongoy fishermen hung their nets holding the scallops in their fan-shaped shells until the shellfish reach maturity, a lengthy, time-consuming two-year process.

"Never did I imagine that this would cause so much damage," said Tongoy shellfish farmer Eduardo Briones. "But it was an underwater current that tumbled everything, leaving it all upside down," he added, describing the tangled nets and shellfish which had been ready to harvest, now sitting at the bottom of the bay.

Local authorities have not yet estimated the value of the loss of the Tongoy shellfish, but the local press has put the figure at \$6 million, and fishermen say between 50 and 100 percent of their total production was destroyed.

It's a devastating blow to

this small village of Tongoy Bay which has been the center for scallop farming in Chile since the 1980s.

The rise of the scallop farms marked a turning point in the fortunes for the 5,000 inhabitants as local fishermen began to raise mollusks to meet growing world demand. Local fishing traditions, more risky and dangerous, fell into decline.

In 2006, one kilo (2.2 pounds) of scallops fetched as much as \$15. But the price has dropped to \$8.30 in recent years, pushed down by competition from neighboring Peru to the north, the principal supplier to hungry European markets.

The price of Peruvian scallops is kept low thanks to a cheaper labor force and better sea conditions for raising the shellfish, said Franklin Munoz, from the Sacmar shellfish company.

## Nissan recalls 271,000 SUVs in US, Canada



CHICAGO, USA. (AFP) – Japanese automaker Nissan has recalled nearly 271,000 sport utility vehicles in the United States and Canada to fix a defective steering column which can crack when exposed to road salt, officials said.

An assembly hole can allow road salt and snow to collect in the steering assembly and cause corrosion, Nissan said in a filing with US safety regulators.

"The strut housing may crack and pull away from the

inner hood ledge assembly," Nissan said.

"This may lead to grinding noises, increased steering ef-

fort, and possibly the steering column to break, resulting in the loss of steering control, which could result in a crash."

The recall affects model years 1997 through 2003 of the Infiniti QX4 and model years 1996 through 2004 of the Nissan Pathfinder.

Nearly 163,000 Pathfinders were recalled in the United States and 63,000 were recalled in Canada, a Nissan spokeswoman said.

A further 33,000 QX4s were recalled in the United States and 12,000 in Canada.

Inspection and repairs will be conducted free of charge.

### WEDNESDAY'S Crossword Answer

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### THURSDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Easter celebrations are elegantly delicious at Carambola



Berlinda, Brayden and Randolph thinks it was perfect



Tuna Tataki with Seaweed Salad



Endless pile of peel and eat shrimp



The Koolman family of Aruba was not only celebrating the holiday, but Dad's birthday, and a special visit from Aunt Lucia, who lives in the U.S.; "we could not have chosen a better spot for this family outing," they all agreed, "everything is beautiful and the food is amazing."

Martin Hassehof, who many know from years of greeting diners at Ventanas Del Mar Restaurant, realized his dream, and that of Chef Harold, when he opened Carambola a few short months ago. Their combined efforts to deliver fabulous food at reasonable prices has

already made the restaurant very popular with timeshare owners close by, and their holiday spread was a feast for all the senses.

Those dining al fresco on the terrace had the advantage of being close to Edgar and Ezekiel, who manned the carving and omelet stations; others selected the sun-drenched mezzanine as the place to linger and savor the occasion with family and friends.

"The food is excellent, and the price is very good," judged Berlinda Bareno, who is a concierge at a major resort and in a position to judge. She

was extremely pleased by her choice of where to share Easter Brunch with husband Randolph and baby son Brayden. "I would recommend Carambola to any of my guests."

Deb and John were pleased to hear that Martin is considering making the brunch a regular Sunday affair, "We are here for at few more weeks and my brother will be joining us soon; I have to be sure to bring him to Carambola for at least one meal, hopefully a brunch, as we are very impressed in every way."

By Rosalie Klein The Quants toast the holiday





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## Pre-wedding poll shows support for royals



**LONDON, United Kingdom :** British Union Jack flags hang along Regent Street in London, this week as Britain's Prince William is to marry his fiancée Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey in London on April 29, 2011.  
**AFP PHOTO**

LONDON, England (AFP) - As preparations step up for the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, an opinion poll Monday showed two-thirds of British people believe the country is better off because of the royal family.

However, only 37 percent said they were "genuinely interested and excited" by Friday's nuptials.

In bright sunshine, thousands of tourists in London

took advantage of the Easter Monday holiday to flock to Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace to see the two focal points of the wedding.

There was a bustling scene around the Abbey as technicians prepared equipment for the world's media. A 10-foot (three-metre) camera platform was being erected and dozens of TV reporters were already broadcasting to a global audience.

Opposite Buckingham Palace, a temporary stand has been built housing 22 glass-fronted TV studios, its facade painted green so that it blends in with the trees.

The prospect of the wedding appears to have given a boost to the royal family's popularity, with 63 percent of those questioned in the ICM survey for The Guardian saying Britain would be worse off without the monarchy.

And three-quarters of the 1,003 adults questioned believe the royal wedding will give the country "a strong feel good factor", although only one third of respondents said they were "genuinely interested and excited" by the marriage.

With hundreds of thousands of people expected to line the wedding route, forecasters said days of unseasonably hot weather could give way to cloudier and cooler weather, meaning the wedding could be hit by showers.

"At the moment, it is looking like temperatures will probably be a little bit above average and there is a risk of heavy showers," said Helen Rossington, senior forecaster at MeteoGroup.

The British media pored over the guest list, noting that while football star David Beckham -- who befriended William during England's failed bid to host the 2018 World Cup -- was invited, there is definitely no place for Sarah Ferguson.

The absence of the ex-wife of Queen Elizabeth's second son, Prince Andrew, will make the wedding a bittersweet oc-

casion for their daughters Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice, who will be attending.

Also among the 1,900-strong congregation at Westminster Abbey will be "Mr Bean" actor Rowan Atkinson, a good friend of William's father Prince Charles.

Other invitees on the eclectic guest list will be linked to William's charity work, such as a former homeless woman supported by charity Centrepoint of which the prince is patron.

Shozna, 20, whose surname has not been revealed, will be treated to a makeover and will take her place alongside royals, celebrities and foreign dignitaries in Westminster Abbey.

Bahrain's crown prince on Sunday turned down an invitation to the wedding to avoid causing potential embarrassment to Kate and William after protests in the Gulf kingdom were crushed by security forces in recent weeks.

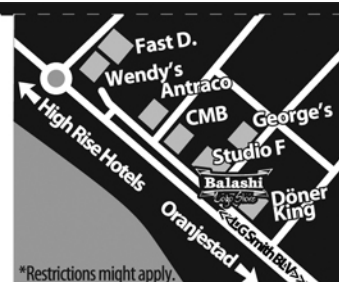
It also emerged that a British Guardsman, 18-year-old Cameron Reilly, has been removed from duties at the wedding after he described Kate as a "stuck-up cow" on his Facebook page.



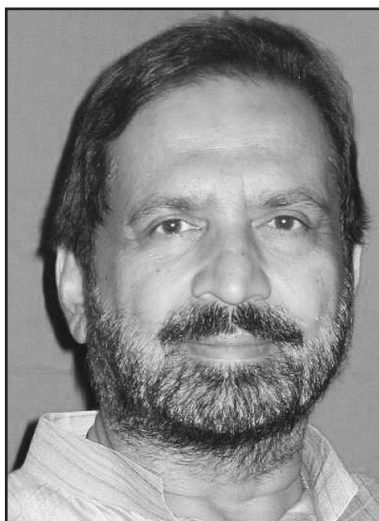
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## Delhi Commonwealth Games chief arrested



IOA President Suresh Kalmadi

NEW DELHI, India (AFP) – Indian police Monday arrested the chief organiser of the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games and are set to charge him after a probe into allegations of widespread corruption at the scandal-tainted event.

Suresh Kalmadi will be "produced before a special judge" on Tuesday and formally charged on several conspiracy counts relating to the awarding of commercial contracts, said Dharini Mishra, spokeswoman for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Late Monday, India's ruling Congress party suspended Kalmadi, who is a member of the lower house of parliament.

Earlier Kalmadi was sacked as chairman of the Games organising committee as police investigated charges that the organisers had manipulated tenders and knowingly inflated costs.

The Games were meant to showcase India's status as an emerging global power, but the sporting headlines were stolen by venue delays, shoddy construction and budget overruns that saw the cost of the event triple to \$6 billion.

After the Games ended, corruption allegations began to swirl around Kalmadi and his committee.

Mishra cited specific charges that organising officials had conspired to ensure a contract for a private Swiss firm to be the event's official

timekeeper by "wrongfully restricting and eliminating competition from other suppliers in a premeditated manner."

Other charges related to contracts awarded for a 2009 ceremony in London to mark the start of the baton rally, which saw a Games baton travel across participating nations.

The main opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party branded the arrest "belated" and "just the tip of the iceberg" and urged immediate action against others involved in alleged irregularities.

A CBI team recently visited London to probe allegations that at least one London-based firm was paid vast sums of money to provide basic services such as taxis and large television monitors.

Kalmadi, a 66-year-old former air force pilot with powerful political connections, has consistently protested his innocence in the face of fierce attacks from the media and political critics.

He was booed at the opening and closing ceremonies of

the Games after becoming the public face for the organisational fiasco that caused India acute embarrassment on the international stage.

India's national anti-corruption watchdog, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), received complaints alleging up to \$1.8 billion of Games money was misappropriated.

An initial report by the CVC into the Games confirmed the use of sub-standard construction materials in a host of building contracts and deliberate cost overruns.

The case is politically sensitive because of Kalmadi's membership of the Congress party which is already fighting corruption scandals on numerous fronts.

Kalmadi was stripped of his senior position as a secretary of the party last November.

As well as his political connections, Kalmadi is influential in sporting circles.

He served as head of the Athletics Federation of India from 1989 to 2006 and has been president of the Indian Olympic Association since 1996.

## Pakistan spinners restrict Windies to 220



Pakistani bowler Saeed Ajmal (C) speaks with teammates

GROS ISLET, Saint Lucia (AFP) – Pakistan spinners Saeed Ajmal, Mohammad Hafeez and skipper Shahid Afridi restricted West Indies to a modest 220 all out in the second one-day international yesterday.

The three exploited another docile Beausejour Cricket Ground pitch after Pakistan, who won the first game on Saturday by eight wickets, chose to field.

Ajmal, Hafeez and skipper Afridi shared six wickets for 102 runs in 30 overs between them, and only West Indies opener Lendl Simmons looked close to getting on top of them, leading the way with 51 from 48 balls, which included four fours and two sixes.

Hafeez made the first breakthrough when he trapped left-handed opener Devon Smith lbw for 16 in the sixth over, and Ajmal struck with his first delivery when Darren Bravo was caught at slip for 12 to leave West Indies 58 for two in the 12th over.

From there the pressure mounted on the West Indies batsmen once Afridi employed an all-out spin attack and wickets continued to tumble at regular intervals.

Marlon Samuels made 29 and Kemar Roach, batting at nine, scored 24, but no other West Indies batsman passed 20.

Pakistan fielded an unchanged 11 but West Indies brought leg-spinner Anthony Martin in for his international debut to replace fast bowler Andre Russell.

The third and fourth ODIs will be played this coming Thursday and next Monday at Kensington Oval in Barbados, with the final match of the series three days later at the Guyana National Stadium.

Pakistan have won their last six ODIs against West Indies spread over the last four years, with the hosts most recent victory a 54-run triumph in the opening match of the 2007 World Cup staged in the Caribbean at Sabina Park in Jamaica.



**HYDERABAD, India :Mumbai Indians cricket team captain Sachin Tendulkar (L) and his teammates celebrate their win against Deccan Chargers in the IPL Twenty20 cricket match between Deccan Chargers and Mumbai Indians at The Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad on April 24, 2011. Mumbai Indian won by 37 runs.**  
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BALTIMORE	8	12	.400 5.0

**Central**

CLEVELAND	13	8	.619 --
KANSAS CITY	12	10	.545 1.5
DETROIT	12	10	.545 1.5
MINNESOTA	9	12	.429 4.0
CHICAGO	8	14	.364 5.5

**West**

TEXAS	14	7	.667 --
LA ANGELES	12	10	.545 2.5
OAKLAND	11	11	.500 3.5
SEATTLE	8	15	.348 7.0

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PHILADELPHIA	15	6	.714 --
FLORIDA	13	7	.650 1.5
WASHINGTON	10	10	.500 4.5
ATLANTA	11	12	.478 5.0
NY METS	9	13	.409 6.5

**Central**

ST. LOUIS	12	10	.545 --
MILWAUKEE	11	10	.524 0.5
CINCINNATI	11	11	.500 1.0
CHICAGO	10	11	.476 1.5
PITTSBURG	9	12	.429 2.5
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COLORADO	14	7	.667 --
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SAN DIEGO	8	14	.464 6.5

**Celtics sweep Knicks, Sixers slow Heat**

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (AFP) — The Boston Celtics have swept the New York Knicks out of the NBA playoffs, but the Philadelphia 76ers have denied Miami a seamless move into the Eastern Conference second round.

Kevin Garnett had 26 points and 10 rebounds and Rajon Rondo added 21 points and 12 assists for the Celtics, whose victory at New York's Madison Square Garden made them the first team to reach the second round of the post-season.

Ray Allen and reserve Glen Davis each added 14 points for the Celtics, who saw a 23-point lead trimmed to four in the fourth quarter but stretched the margin again thanks largely to Garnett, who scored 20 of his points in the second half.

"Everybody understood what was at stake. Give a team some confidence, even in a 3-0 series to win a game, you never know what can happen," Boston's Paul Pierce said.

"So it was just very important for us to withstand the run. They made a great run and the crowd really got behind them, but in the fourth quarter we just really settled down in the last six or seven minutes, executed the offense and were able to put the game



out of reach."

Carmelo Anthony had 32 points and grabbed nine rebounds for New York. Amare Stoudemire, who has been hindered by back spasms but opted to play after some improvement, finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds.

"It was all heart. He just gave it all," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said of Stoudemire. "With him and Carmelo going forward, the Knicks are in good shape."

The Knicks were making their first playoff appearance since 2004, when they were also swept in the first round.

The Celtics now have the luxury of waiting for either Miami or Philadelphia.

Lou Williams and Evan Turner each scored 17 points

and sparked a game-ending 10-point run that gave Philadelphia an 86-82 victory over the Heat.

The 76ers denied Miami a sweep of the series, but the Heat still lead the series three games to one and can advance to the second round with a home victory in game five on Wednesday.

LeBron James scored a game-high 31 points for Miami while Dwyane Wade added 22 and Chris Bosh contributed 12, but the Heat's superstars fell silent after seizing a 82-76 lead with barely 90 seconds remaining.

Turner, a 22-year-old rookie, started Philadelphia's 10-0 run while Williams and Jrue Holiday each sank 3-pointers before Turner added two clinching free throws to seal Miami's fate.

"We have been a resilient team all year," Williams said. "We understand we are out-

matched with three superstars but we have heart and will keep playing to the end."

James sank two free throws to give the Heat a 78-76 lead and Bosh blocked two 76er shots on their next possession.

Elton Brand answered for Philadelphia with a block at the other end but missed after another Bosh block, giving the 76ers eight misses in a row, three of them on shots swatted away by Bosh.

James sank a long jumper over Andre Iguodala, who added 16 points for the 76ers, to give Miami a four-point edge and Wade tipped in a James miss to make it an 82-76 lead.

Turner answered for the 76ers for their first basket in five minutes and 20-year-old Holiday sank a 3-pointer to cut their deficit to 82-81.

After a Wade miss, Williams sank the pivotal 3-pointer for the 76ers with 8.1 seconds remaining, giving him eight points in the fourth quarter and boosting the 76ers ahead to stay.

"I wanted the ball in that situation," Williams said. "Win or lose, I wanted it to be on my shot."

Elsewhere in the East, the Hawks defeated the Orlando Magic 88-85 in Atlanta to take a 3-1 lead in their series.

Jamal Crawford scored 25 points for Atlanta and Joe Johnson drained four key foul shots in the last 20 seconds to put the Hawks in position to claim the series on Tuesday in Orlando.

**Chris Paul leads Hornets over Lakers**

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AFP) — Chris Paul's triple-double has helped lead New Orleans to a 93-88 victory over Los Angeles to knot the Hornets' playoff series against the NBA's two-time defending champions at two games apiece.

Paul had 27 points, 15 assists and 13 rebounds as the Hornets evened the best-of-seven Western Conference first-round series.

He scored 14 of the Hornets' 24 fourth-quarter points

and with nine seconds remaining he delivered a key assist, setting up Jarrett Jack's jump shot that gave the Hornets a 90-86 lead.

Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant, scoreless in the first half, finished with 17 points. He shot just five-of-18 from the floor, missing a three-point attempt in the waning seconds.

That came after Bryant had appeared to turn his ankle in a collision in the fourth quarter.

Trevor Ariza scored 19 for the Hornets and Carl Landry

added 16 before he fouled out in the final minute.

The series resumes with game five in Los Angeles on Tuesday, but the Hornets' victory insures there will be a game six in New Orleans on Thursday.

"Well, it's a series now: 2-2, best out of three," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We punked out out there on the court tonight, gave them 20 second-chance points."

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## Record 25 prospects to attend NFL Draft

NEW YORK (AFP) – Concerns that a contract dispute between club owners and players could spark a boycott of Thursday's NFL Draft proved unfounded, with the NFL saying Monday that a record 25 prospects will attend.

The opening session of what has become a three-day annual allocation of available college gridiron talent will be staged at Radio City Music Hall, where NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and a team jersey greet new draftees.

Cam Newton, the Auburn University quarterback who won last year's Heisman Trophy as the collegiate player of the year, is among the expected early selections who plan to attend.

The record for most prospects to attend an NFL Draft was set last year when 17 watched the start of the seven-round process, which

was moved to a weeknight for the first time.

A contract dispute between team owners and players led to a lockout by owners last month while players disbanded their union in order to pursue an anti-trust case in US courts.

As a result, the planned September start of the NFL's 2011 season is in jeopardy.

The NFL Players Association never asked players to boycott the draft as was thought might happen, instead scheduling its own events for prospects that do not conflict with the heavily promoted draft telecast.

The Carolina Panthers own the top pick in the draft after having the worst NFL record last season at 2-14. Denver will pick second followed in order by Buffalo, Cincinnati, Arizona, Cleveland, San Francisco, Tennessee and Dallas.

## Federal judge orders NFL to lift lockout

ST. PAUL, Minnesota -- A federal judge in St. Paul, Minn., ruled Monday NFL team owners must lift their lockout of players from training camps.

Judge Susan Nelson Monday granted a request by players for an injunction ordering an end to the lockout under U.S. antitrust laws, NFL.com reported.

Owners imposed the lockout after the league's collective bargaining agreement with the NFL Players Association expired last month and negotiations to extend it broke down.

The union decertified itself and sought relief under antitrust regulations.

Nelson's ruling didn't include a stay, meaning the league must reopen the camps immediately. Owners were expected to seek an appeal of her decision with the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

The ruling came five days after federally mediated negotiations Nelson had ordered were recessed for more than a month by U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan in Minneapolis.

NFL.com reported owners will seek a rapid response from the appellate court to avoid uncertainty over the status of the lockout ahead of the upcoming free agency season.

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## Rose expected to play as Bulls eye victory

CHICAGO (AFP) – Derrick Rose, who has led the Chicago Bulls to within one victory of the second round of the NBA playoffs, has only a sprained left ankle according to results of an MRI exam, the club announced Monday.

The Bulls, who lead Indiana 3-1 in their best-of-seven

Eastern Conference first-round series, officially listed Rose as questionable for today's fifth game in Chicago and Rose did not take part in a practice session on Monday.

But Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau was optimistic Rose would play, saying that the swelling has decreased in

Rose's ankle.

"He's feeling better," Thibodeau said. "Hopefully he will be able to go."

Rose wore a protective walking boot on his sprained ankle on Sunday after suffering the injury late in the first quarter of Saturday's 89-84 loss to the Pacers.

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